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In re the PATENT application of

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For: CROSS-PLATFORM SUBSELECT METADATA EXTRACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 6-14, 17-25 and 28-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldberg et al. (hereinafter, Goldberg) in view of Chan et al. (hereinafter, Chan). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 is directed to a method for executing a query against a database on a data storage device connected to a computer. The claim recites modifying the query to replace one or more